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Hezbollah defends Lebanon's sovereignty

This preliminary statement from Hezbollah — the Islamic Resistance in Lebanon — was issued on August 24, 2024, by Resistance News Network. Many Palestinian Resistance groups including Hamas, Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine – General Command, Fatah Al-Intifada Movement Central Committee, Popular Resistance Committees, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and others issued solidarity statements supporting this first phase of a military campaign initiated by Hezbollah against the apartheid Israeli regime. The two Israeli bases targeted by Hezbollah in the second phase are Ein Shemer and Gillot.

On the day of Arabeen of Imam Hussein bin Ali, the Master of Martyrs, the Leader of the Free, and the symbol of sacrifice, altruism, and defiance, at dawn on Sunday, August 25, 2024, as part of the initial response to the brutal Zionist aggression on the southern suburbs (Dahiye) of Beirut, which resulted in the martyrdom of the great jihadi commander Sayyed Fouad Shukr and a number of our dear civilians, including

women and children, the fighters of the Islamic Resistance launched an aerial attack with a large number of drones deep into the Zionist entity, targeting a qualitative “israeli” military target that will be announced later.

Simultaneously, the fighters of the Islamic Resistance targeted several enemy positions, barracks and Iron Dome platforms in northern occupied Palestine with a large number of rockets. These military operations will take some time to be completed, and afterward, a detailed statement regarding their progress and objectives will be issued.

The Islamic Resistance in Lebanon is currently at its highest level of readiness and will stand firm and vigilant against any Zionist transgression or aggression, especially if civilians are harmed, in which case the punishment will be severe and very harsh.

This statement was lightly edited.

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No vote for genocide

EDITORIAL

The Workers World Party delegation marched in the protest outside the Democratic National Convention carrying a banner that read in part, “We won’t vote for genocide!”

If the only two candidates who can win the presidency both support an obvious, ongoing genocide by Israel in Gaza, there is no possible way that a revolutionary, anti-imperialist party can suggest voting for either of them and still claim to be fighting for humanity.

So we urge our readers to vote for neither the Republican nor the Democratic candidates.

Not only are the Republicans super-capitalist enemies of the working class worldwide, they are also white supremacists and misogynists. And that’s the short list. They threaten the few remaining democratic rights workers still have. This newspaper made it clear in July why everyone had to oppose the Republican candidates. (workers.org/2024/07/79895/ and workers.org/2024/07/79838/)

Workers World has always evaluated and described the Democratic Party as the other wing of U.S. capitalism and imperialism. On the one hand, the DP’s membership and even its leading speakers reflect more closely the diverse U.S. population. On the other hand, the Democratic Party has defended capitalism with the same vigor as the Republicans, and its foreign policy has been as militaristic and expansionist as the GOP’s. Both parties promote the exploitation of workers and peoples worldwide.

This year the reason to refuse a vote to the Democrats goes beyond that Marxist analysis. The Biden administration and the Democratic Party are identified with aiding and abetting the genocide in Gaza, a genocide that can be followed on social media. There is no way revolutionaries can compromise with that genocide.

How the DNC unfolded did nothing to challenge WW’s opposition to this pro-imperialist party. Unlike the usual dissent and near chaos seen at many DP conventions in the past, the Democrats choreographed this event, presenting their candidates exactly as they wanted. No word was out of place, no placard

homemade, no hand gesture unpracticed.

When Vice President Kamala Harris made her acceptance speech, we can safely assume that she said exactly what she and the rest of the Democratic Party leadership had agreed on. Not just WW but The New York Times — which in general favored Harris — on Aug. 23 described her talk this way: **“It was a patriotic speech that was hawkish on foreign policy and border security.”**

It was clear that Harris directed the for-



August 19, 2024, protest in Chicago.

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eign policy part of her talk to the Pentagon, the CIA and anyone in the imperialist ruling class who might doubt that her administration would be any less militaristic than Biden’s or Trump’s. Here’s what she said: “As commander in chief, I will ensure America always has the strongest, most lethal fighting force in the world.

“I will make sure that ... America, not China, wins the competition for the 21st century and that we strengthen, not abdicate, our global leadership. ... And as president, I will stand strong with Ukraine and our NATO allies.

“And let me be clear. I will always stand up for Israel’s right to defend itself, and I will always ensure Israel has the ability to defend itself.” And she repeated the lies charging Hamas with sexual violence on Oct. 7, 2023, that the Israeli propaganda machine broadcast and that Biden endorsed. (PBS news, Aug. 23)

In other words, just as the Biden administration did, Harris would threaten China, arm Ukraine’s proxy war against Russia and arm Israel to the teeth to carry out genocide.

Then, to add insult to already severe injury, Harris and the DNC organizers made sure that no Palestinian could speak at a plenary session. And that’s even though Georgia state Representative Ruwa Romman — the first Muslim woman elected to the Georgia House and who was among those the “Uncommitted Movement” chose to speak at the DNC — wanted the Democrats to defeat Trump.

Some 300 delegates joined a protest of 30 “uncommitted” delegates just outside the hall, demanding the right to speak. When Romman gave her talk outside the convention center, she called attention to the large number of DP delegates wearing Palestinian pins and keffiyehs.

Were Harris and her advisers afraid that any appeal for Palestine would awaken a struggle within the convention?

As a result of the censorship, “Muslim Women for Harris” withdrew their support for Harris and disbanded. And that’s even though the group knew all too clearly that Trump

is their enemy, and said so.

Thus Harris and the Democrats themselves risked losing the election to Trump rather than giving even the tiniest appearance of stopping support for Israeli genocide in Gaza. This indication of the Democratic Party’s own priorities is another proof of the need for the workers’ movement to organize independently of both big capitalist parties and why Workers World urges its readers to vote for neither Trump nor Harris. □

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Days of protests hit DNC over Palestine

By Martha Grevatt
Chicago

For five days, Aug. 18-22, the Democratic National Convention in Chicago was the target of daily demonstrations. On Aug. 18, the day before the DNC opened, the “March for Bodies Outside Unjust Laws” demanded the Democrats do more to defend and expand reproductive justice and LGBTQIA2S+ rights. The leading message, however, became one of solidarity with Palestine and demanding an end to the genocide.

The largest of many marches took place as the convention began Aug. 19. Called by the Coalition to March on the DNC and backed by over 270 Palestine solidarity, anti-war, community and labor organizations, the demonstration drew a militant crowd of over 20,000 people, according to organizers. Chants and signs addressed a range of issues, but the most popular signs bore the slogan: “Victory to the Palestinian resistance!”

Hatem Abudayyeh, national chair of the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, told the crowd during the rally held before the march that, “Black liberation, immigrant rights, reproductive rights, women’s rights, workers’ rights, the right to strike, the right to unionize” are here.

“The rank-and-file workers are here, the Black community members are here, the documented and undocumented immigrants are here. How powerful this is to be together here, all of us. Killer Kamala, Genocide Joe, and Baby Killer Blinken and all the rest of the Democratic Party in there, we are not going to give them a pass.” (Fightbacknews.org, Aug. 21)

Protesters undeterred by cop repression

Activists from all over the country traveled by car, plane, train and chartered buses to attend this historic march, where they braved a massive police presence. As reported by Chicago TV Channel 7: “This [Aug. 19] operation offered a glimpse of what the police strategy is likely to be for keeping order at the permitted protests: Flood the protest route with shoulder-to-shoulder patrol officers and bike units, protect property on both sides of downtown streets, and roll out columns of city Streets and San[itation] snow plows as back-up for traffic and crowd control.” (abc7chicago.com)

Police arrested some demonstrators on Aug. 19 who tried to scale the fence

separating the movement from the DNC. On Aug. 20, more people – 72 according to the National Lawyers Guild – were arrested at a pro-Palestine demonstration that began outside the Chicago Israeli Consulate and later took to the streets.

Convention delegates demand Palestinian speaker

The genocide in Palestine, the primary issue for demonstrators outside the DNC, was also an issue inside the convention. Thirty delegates represented the 800,000 voters in a number of states who cast an “uncommitted” or “undecided” ballot in Democratic Party primary elections. This was a means to express opposition to President Joe Biden’s support for Israel’s genocide against Gaza.

When a few delegates unfurled a banner reading “Stop arming Israel,” they were physically assaulted and subject to chants of “USA, USA!”

The uncommitted delegates were joined by many pro-Harris delegates in demanding a Palestinian representative be allowed to speak at the convention. When this very modest request was denied, delegates held a sit-in outside the DNC. There was mass disgust at the Democratic Party machine. A group called Muslim Women for Harris/Walz disbanded in protest.

Marches continue up to close of the convention

The Chicago Coalition for Justice in Palestine held a march the third evening of the DNC. On the final day of the convention, as



August 19, 2024, protest in Chicago.

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Vice President Kamala Harris was accepting the nomination as the Democratic Party presidential candidate, the Coalition to March on the DNC held another march and rally of over 10,000 supporters of Palestinian liberation.

Included among the many groups comprising the Coalition to March on the DNC were the U.S. Palestinian Community Network, National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, Students for a Democratic Society, and Freedom Road Socialist Organization. Workers World Party took part in Coalition Zoom meetings and sent a delegation to Chicago.

Workers World contributing editor Sara Flounders stated: “WWP took part in the demonstrations against the DNC in Chicago as we have always opposed both imperialist parties since our founding. This year both the DNC’s and RNC’s total support for Zionism and genocide in Gaza exposes their criminal role on a global scale. We salute the cohesion and determination of the Coalition in the mobilization of thousands of people for Palestine.”

The large actions showed that the Palestine solidarity movement understands the need to confront the Democratic Party, regardless of who it puts forward as the presidential candidate. □



August 19, 2024, Chicago.

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EDITORIAL

La Convención Nacional Demócrata celebrada en 1968 se destacó por las masivas protestas que tuvieron lugar fuera de la convención contra la guerra imperialista de Estados Unidos en Vietnam.

Aquellos manifestantes contra la guerra culparon al presidente demócrata Lyndon Johnson y a su vicepresidente y presunto candidato presidencial Hubert Humphrey por la guerra.

Una brutal revuelta de la policía de Chicago atacó entonces a los manifestantes, con bastonazos y gases lacrimógenos que causaron heridos y detenciones masivas. La policía respondía al alcalde demócrata Richard Daley, que también había utilizado a la policía, la Guardia Nacional y las tropas federales de forma letal contra la comunidad negra durante la rebelión que siguió al asesinato de Martin Luther King aquel mayo.

Avancemos hasta el 19 de agosto de 2024, donde una vez más se ha programado una protesta masiva para el primer día del DNC. En esta ocasión, se espera que acudan miles de manifestantes de todo el país. La mayoría centrará su atención en el apoyo durante 10 meses del Partido Demócrata a la guerra genocida de Israel contra el pueblo de Gaza.

La limpieza étnica racista de Israel, respaldada por bombas y misiles militares estadounidenses,



'Las mujeres de Gaza son nuestras hermanas,' Chicago, 19 de agosto.

ha causado la muerte y heridas a más de 100.000 civiles palestinos desarmados -entre ellos decenas de miles de niños- y el desplazamiento de más de 2 millones de personas.

El presidente Joe Biden estaba tan estrechamente identificado con la política israelí que mucha gente le llamaba «Joe Genocida». Incluso después de que Biden abandonara la carrera presidencial y la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris se convirtiera en la candidata presidencial, la protesta de Chicago seguía estando en el orden del día. Sea quien sea el candidato demócrata que se enfrente a Donald Trump, el genocidio en Gaza sigue siendo el centro de atención.

Hatem Abudayyeh es presidente de la U.S. Palestinian Community Network, fundada en 2006 para revitalizar la organización de base en las comunidades palestinas y árabes de Estados Unidos: «Sigue tratándose de acabar con el genocidio. Nuestro objetivo es el Partido Demócrata y sus dirigentes, y

'Killer Kamala' es uno de ellos. Creemos que su administración es responsable de esta guerra y genocidio en curso». (Washington Post, 16 de agosto)

La plataforma política del Partido Demócrata no indica ningún cambio respecto a su posición de siempre, que refleja que «el derecho de Israel a defenderse» es «férreo» y que las armas estadounidenses seguirán llegando. La plataforma respalda los supuestos esfuerzos de la administración Biden por negociar un acuerdo de alto el fuego duradero en Gaza, pero hasta ahora esa parte sólo ha sido palabrería.

Se ataca el derecho a la protesta

Ya hay indicios de que la policía de Chicago se está cebando con la violencia en las próximas protestas para vilipendiarlas. Su objetivo es justificar cualquier posible represión estatal. El superintendente de la policía de Chicago, Larry Snelling, declaró: «Queremos asegurarnos de que todos los habitantes de esta ciudad están protegidos y de que se protegen los derechos de todos. Lo que no vamos a permitir es que la gente converja en esta ciudad y cometa actos de violencia o vandalismo.»

La Coalition to March on the DNC impugnó legalmente las limitaciones del permiso que la ciudad les concedió en enero. Este permiso anterior les obligaba a protestar en

Grant Park, a casi seis kilómetros del lugar de la convención, el United Center.

Las impugnaciones legales de los grupos de la coalición obligaron a la ciudad a permitir que la marcha del 19 de agosto se celebrara a pocas manzanas de la convención demócrata. Los manifestantes se reunirán en Union Park, a 800 metros del estadio, y marcharán después hasta Medill Park. La ruta permitida les llevará hasta el perímetro de la zona de seguridad de la DNC.

Abudayyeh y otros dirigentes de la coalición afirman que la ruta permitida es demasiado corta y estrecha para las decenas de miles de manifestantes que se esperan. Los manifestantes dicen que su mensaje de «detener el genocidio» tiene derecho a ser escuchado y visto por los delegados del DNC y el mundo sin ninguna amenaza de represión policial.

Mundo Obrero está totalmente de acuerdo con los manifestantes, que tienen derecho a oponerse a la postura proimperialista de los demócratas, así como a la de los republicanos. Apoyamos el derecho de los manifestantes a protestar. Y apoyamos las demandas de «¡Parar inmediatamente toda la ayuda militar estadounidense al apartheid israelí!» y de que la fascista fuerza de ocupación israelí abandone Gaza y Cisjordania permanentemente. □

Fuera de la DNC

17.000 manifestantes explotan sobre Gaza

Por Martha Grevatt
Chicago

19 de agosto — Unas 17.000 personas participaron en la «Marcha sobre la DNC 2024» al iniciarse aquí la Convención Nacional Demócrata. Aunque la marcha tenía una amplia lista de reivindicaciones programáticas, se concibió como una marcha por Palestina, y era evidente que la campaña para detener el genocidio

en Gaza era el tema central para muchos de los presentes.

Las pancartas y los cánticos condenaban a la vicepresidenta Kamala Harris por su papel de apoyo al «genocida Joe» Biden por respaldar y armar al Estado sionista del apartheid. Los manifestantes eran también hostiles al candidato presidencial republicano Donald Trump.

Las manifestaciones de hoy fueron la segunda marcha de una

semana de protestas planeadas para la duración de la DNC. Las organizaciones y personas presentes planean llevar a cabo protestas

adicionales cada día de la convención, que está previsto que dure hasta el jueves 22 de agosto. □



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